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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION
OF SPECIES/RESTRICTION

SIR:

This is in response to the election of species requirement setting a shortened statutory deadline for response on January 23, 2003.

Applicant elects the species described by the Examiner as "Group II: Figures 2-7E". This election is being made with traverse.

Claims 5-9, namely all the pending claims, are directed to the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's characterization of the claimed invention as being directed to different species as between Fig. 1 on the one hand and Figs. 2-7E on the other

hand is wrong. Fig. 1 cannot possibly depict a species different from that depicted in, for example, Fig. 2. In fact, Figs. 1 and 2 are directed to the same structure. This is clearly evident from the brief description of these drawings set forth on page 3 of the specification.

Claims 5 and 6 are the only independent claims. Every feature in each of these claims reads on both of Figs. 1 and 2.

Under the circumstances the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the election of species requirement and to proceed with examination of all the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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